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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING IS PARTIAL
EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
JANUARY 8, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. THERE WAS TALK ABOUT SECRETARY KISSINGER FEELING
THAT THE PLAN THAT DAYAN HAD BROUGHT HERE OR THE CABINET,
THE ISRAELI CABINET, HAD FORMED WAS GENEROUS BUT WOULDN'T
SATISFY THE EGYPTIANS. HAVE YOU ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THAT
IN TERMS OF ACCURACY OF THE REPORTING?

A. WELL, I WOULDN'T WANT TO GET INTO DISCUSSING THE ACCURACY
OF SOMETHING THAT HAS APPEARED IN THE PRESS. I THINK I
SHOULD RECALL SIMPLY THAT THE SECRETARY, LAST SATURDAY, DIS-
CUSSED THE WHOLE PROCESS OF THEIR DISCUSSION, THE BASIS ON
WHICH THEY HAVE GONE INTO IT -- EMPHASIZED THAT THEY HAD NOT
STARTED FROM A POSITION OF CONFRONTATION, AND THEY ENDED
WITH A LARGE AREA OF UNDERSTANDING. AND I THINK I REALLY
COULD NOT HELPFULLY GO BEYOND THAT.

Q. SEVERAL ARAB SOURCES SEEM TO HAVE INFERRED, FROM
REMARKS MADE BY DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER, THAT THE
UNITED STATES IS THREATENING ACTIVE MILITARY INTERVENTION
IN THE PERSIAN GULF. WOULD YOU CARE TO SET THAT RECORD
STRAIGHT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POINT OF VIEW.

A. ON THAT ONE -- I THINK I'D LIKE TO GO ON BACKGROUND,
SIMPLY TO SAY THAT WHEN I LOOK AT THE COMPLETE INFORMATION,
AS I COULD READ IT ON WHAT WAS SAID, I DIDN'T REGARD WHAT
HE SAID AS A "THREAT" SO MUCH AS A RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD
DESCRIPTION OF SOME FACTS WHICH HAD TO BE REGARDED IN THEIR
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LARGEST CONTEXT. AND, I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE LARGEST
CONTEXT OF THE PROBLEM, WE ARE BACK EXACTLY -- AS THE
SECRETARY DESCRIBED IT IN HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE IN SAN
CLEMENTE -- WHERE HE WENT TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DESCRIBE
THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEM -- THE INTERRELATIONSHIP, THE
VARIOUS FACTORS INVOLVED, AND ALL THE REST.

SO I DON'T WISH TO SAY THAT ANY PORTION OF MR. SCHLESINGER'

STATEMENT MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN AND UNDULY ENLARGED BUT I WOULD SAY, AS A WHOLE, I FOUND IT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID.

Q. WOULD YOU ALSO LIKE TO ADDRESS COMMENTS MADE BY THE VICE PRESIDENT THIS MORNING, WHICH IMPLIED A BOYCOTT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST?

A. IN CONNECTION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT -- AGAIN, BACKGROUND -- IN CONNECTION WITH THIS, I HAVE NOT READ THE WHOLE TEXT ON THAT ONE BUT FROM SUPERFICIAL READING I GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE COMMENT I JUST MADE BEFORE WAS GENERALLY PERTINENT FOR THIS ONE AS WELL. END QUOTE. KISSINGER

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